Claims

What is claimed is:

1   1.   A method performed by a computer system comprising:

2   identifying a sector offset on a storage device;

3   storing an image onto the storage device at the sector offset, the

4   image including an operating system;

5   providing the sector offset to an installation engine; and

6   subsequent to storing the image on the storage device, initiating the

7   installation engine to cause the operating system to be installed on the

8   storage device using the image.

1   2.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   subsequent to initiating the installation engine, partitioning the storage

3   device.

1   3.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   subsequent to initiating the installation engine, performing a formatting

3   operation on the storage device.

1   4.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   identifying the sector offset in response to a size of the storage device.

1   5.   The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2   identifying the sector offset in response to a size of the image.

1　6.　The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2　　　providing the sector offset to the installation engine by storing the

3　sector offset in a predetermined location on the storage device.

1　7.　The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2　　　providing the sector offset to the installation engine by passing the

3　sector offset as part of a function call to initiate the installation engine.

1　8.　The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2　　　storing the image onto the storage device by copying the image from a

3　CD-ROM.

1　9.　The method of claim 1, further comprising:

2　　　storing the image onto the storage device by copying the image over a

3　network.

1　10.　A computer program product comprising:

2　　　a computer program processable by a computer system for causing

3　the computer system to:

4　　　identify a sector offset on a storage device;

5　　　store an image onto the storage device at the sector offset, the image

6　including an operating system;

7　　　provide the sector offset to an installation engine; and

8　　　subsequent to storing the image on the storage device, initiate the

9　installation engine to cause the operating system to be installed on the

10　storage device using the image; and

11　　　an apparatus from which the computer program is accessible by the

12　computer system.

1   11.   The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is
2   processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:
3   subsequent to initiating the installation engine, partition the storage
4   device.

1   12.   The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is
2   processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:
3   subsequent to initiating the installation engine, perform a formatting
4   operation on the storage device.

1   13.   The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is
2   processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:
3   identify the sector offset in response to a size of the storage device.

1   14.   The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is
2   processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:
3   identify the sector offset in response to a size of the image.

1   15.   The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is
2   processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:
3   provide the sector offset to the installation engine by storing the sector
4   offset in a predetermined location on the storage device.

1   16.   The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is
2   processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:
3   provide the sector offset to the installation engine by passing the
4   sector offset as part of a function call to initiate the installation engine.

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1   17.   The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is

2   processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:

3   store the image onto the storage device by copying the image from a

4   CD-ROM.

1   18.   The computer program product of claim 10, wherein the computer program is

2   processable by the computer system to cause the computer system to:

3   store the image onto the storage device by copying the image over a

4   network.

1   19.   A system comprising:

2   a computer system for:

3   identifying a sector offset on a storage device;

4   storing an image onto the storage device at the sector offset,

5   the image including an operating system;

6   providing the sector offset to an installation engine; and

7   subsequent to storing the image on the storage device, initiating

8   the installation engine to cause the operating system to be installed on

9   the storage device using the image.

1   20.   The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:

2   subsequent to initiating the installation engine, partitioning the storage

3   device.

1   21.   The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:

2   subsequent to initiating the installation engine, performing a formatting

3   operation on the storage device.

1   22.   The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:

2   identifying the sector offset in response to a size of the storage device.

1   23.   The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:

2   identifying the sector offset in response to a size of the image.

1   24.   The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:

2   providing the sector offset to the installation engine by storing the

3   sector offset in a predetermined location on the storage device.

1   25.   The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:

2   providing the sector offset to the installation engine by passing the

3   sector offset as part of a function call to initiate the installation engine.

1   26.   The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:

2   storing the image onto the storage device by copying the image from a

3   CD-ROM.

1   27.   The system of claim 19, wherein the computer system is for:

2   storing the image onto the storage device by copying the image over a

3   network.